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Group Art Unit: 2121

ARORA et al.

Examiner: BARNES, CRYSTAL J.

Application No. 09/641,489

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For: AUTOMATION SYSTEM FOR
CONTROLLING AND MONITORING
DEVICES AND SENSORS

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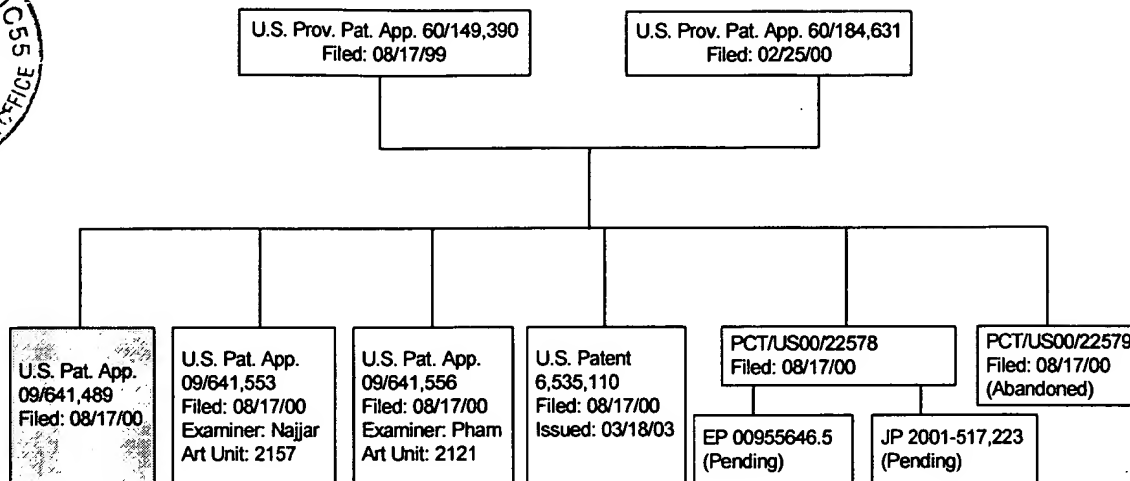
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The tree diagram on the following page shows the relationship between the above-identified patent application and the several cases to which it is related.



The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form 1449, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

We have provided, by way of this Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and the previously-submitted information disclosure statements, the relevant references of which we are aware. If there is additional material cited in the record of any of the related applications presented in the diagram above that the Office would like us to provide, please let us know so that we may submit these references to the Office.

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☐ the Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) (see "Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e)" below).

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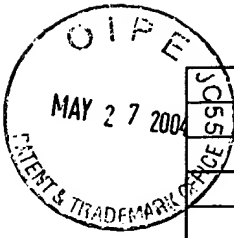
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Copies of the References

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☐ The references listed on the enclosed Form 1449 were previously identified in the parent application(s) of the present application, and copies of the references were furnished at that time. Accordingly, additional copies of the references are not submitted herewith, so as not to burden the file with duplicate copies of references. The Examiner is respectfully requested to carefully review the references in accordance with the requirements set out in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(d), the details of the parent application(s) relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120 in which copies of the references were previously furnished are set out below:



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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Doc. No.	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant	Date of Publication	Filing Date If Appropriate
		Application or Patent Number	Kind Code			
	BH	5506789		Russell et al.	04/09/96	03/10/95
	BI	5699501		Badovinatz et al.	12/16/97	04/30/96
	BJ	5787250		Badovinatz et al.	07/28/98	04/30/96
	BK	5987376		Olson et al.	11/16/99	07/16/97
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	BM	G. BALLINTJN et al. <i>Exploiting Location Awareness for Scalable Location-Independent Object IDs</i> . Proceedings of the 5th Annual ASCI Conference, pp. 321-328 (1999).		
	BN	K. M. CHANDY et al. <i>Using Announce-Listen with Global Events to Develop Distributed Control Systems</i> . Concurrency: Practice and Experience, vol. 10, no. 11-13, pp. 1021-1027 (Wiley, 1998).		
	BO	<i>The HAVi Specification: Specification for the Home Audio/Video Interoperability (HAVi) Architecture</i> . Version 1.0 beta (November 19, 1998). Page 9, ¶ 2.2.3; page 353, ¶ 10.3; page 354, ¶ 10.5.		
	BP	S. KUMAR and E.H. SPAFFORD. <i>A Pattern Matching Model for Misuse Intrusion Detection</i> . Proceedings of National Computer Security Conference, pp. 11-21 (1994).		
	BQ	P. PAN and H. SCHULZRINNE. <i>Staged Refresh Timers for RSVP</i> . Proceedings of Global Telecommunications Conference (GLOBECOM'97), vol. 3, pp. 1909-1913 (IEEE 1997).		
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	BS	H. R. RIS. <i>EIB-Bus -- Europaischer Installationsbus Teil 2</i> . Elektrotechnik, v. 44, no. 10, pp. 61-67 (Vogel, October 1993).		+
	BT	R. VAN RENESSE et al. <i>A Gossip-Style Failure Detection Service</i> . Proceedings of IFIP International Conference on Distributed Systems Platforms and Open Distributed Processing (MIDDLEWARE '98), pp. 55-70 (Springer, 1998).		
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